April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $850,000 for The Mahoning County High School Community Learning Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mahoning County High School, located at 940 Bryn Mawr Ave, Youngstown, OH 44505.

The Mahoning County High School is an Ohio public community school designated as a drop-out recovery and prevention school sponsored by the Office of School Sponsorship at the Ohio Department of Education. The school provides intensive credit recovery, a trauma-informed approach to education, and a social emotional learning curriculum embedded in a restorative justice model of supporting student wellness and promoting positive behavior. This funding will be used establish the Mahoning County High School as a Community Learning Center in order to reach more families and students in the Youngstown area and surrounding regions. The Community Learning Center project will incorporate a multitude of services on-site, including medical services, vision and dental care, childcare, clinical counseling for students and families, after-school support, industry credentials, and other critical resources that effectively remove barriers to academics and improve the lives of community members overall. Youngstown, Ohio is one of the highest poverty areas in the United States, and the addition of a Community Learning Center in the heart of the city would significantly improve outcomes for youth and their families and restore hope for a better life for those in the community it serves, making this project an excellent use of taxpayer dollars.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress